

**§ 3561.4 Bonds.**

Prior to issuance of a lease under this part, the applicant shall furnish a bond in an amount to be determined by the authorized officer but not less than \$5,000. (See subpart 3504)

**§ 3561.5 Special stipulations.**

To insure adequate utilization and protection of the lands and their resources, leases shall contain such stipulations as may be prescribed by the authorized officer or the responsible official of the surface management agency if the surface is not under Bureau jurisdiction as described in § 3500.9 of this title. (See also part 3580).

**§ 3561.6 Other applicable regulations.**

Leases issued under this part shall also be subject to the conditions set forth in other regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Minimum annual production and minimum royalty are covered by § 3503.2–2 of this title.
- (b) Suspension of operations and production and suspension of operations are covered by § 3503.3 of this title.
- (c) Assignments and subleases are covered by subpart 3506 of this title.
- (d) Cancellation and relinquishment are covered by subpart 3509 of this title.
- (e) Exploration and mining are covered by part 3590 of this title.
- (f) Royalty management is covered by 30 CFR Chapter II, Subchapter A.

**Subpart 3562—Hardrock Minerals Prospecting Permits**

**§ 3562.1 Areas subject to prospecting.**

A prospecting permit may be issued for any area of available public domain and acquired lands subject to hardrock mineral leasing where prospecting or exploratory work is necessary to determine the existence or workability of a particular hardrock mineral(s). Discovery of a valuable deposit of any such mineral(s) within the term of the permit entitles the permittee to a preference right lease.

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**§ 3562.2 Rights conferred by issuance of prospecting permits.**

A permit shall grant the permittee the exclusive right to prospect on and explore the lands to determine the existence of a valuable deposit of the mineral(s) for which the permit was issued, such right to be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit. The permittee may remove only such material as is necessary to demonstrate the existence of a valuable mineral deposit.

**§ 3562.3 Application for prospecting permit.**

**§ 3562.3–1 Filing requirements.**

- (a) An application shall be filed on a form approved by the Director or an exact reproduction of that form.
- (b) An application shall be filed in triplicate with the proper BLM office.
- (c) The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable filing fee of \$25, and rental for the first year at the rate of 50 cents per acre or fraction thereof made payable to the Department of the Interior—Bureau of Land Management. The rental payment shall be for the total acreage if known, and if not known, for the total acreage computed on the basis of 40 acres for each smallest subdivision. The rental payment shall not be less than \$20.

**§ 3562.3–2 Contents of application.**

Each application shall be typewritten, or printed plainly in ink; manually signed in ink and dated by the applicant or applicant's duly authorized attorney-in-fact, and shall contain the following:

- (a) The name and address of the applicant;
- (b) A statement of the applicant's holdings in accordance with subpart 3502 of this title;
- (c) A complete and accurate land description in compliance with subpart 3501 of this title. The application shall not include more than 2,560 acres in a reasonably compact form; and
- (d) The name of mineral(s) for which the permit is sought. (See § 3560.5)

**§ 3562.3–3 Exploration plans.**

After initial review and clearance of the application, but prior to issuance